

As changed

Amendments from Mental Retardation: 2, 183, 185, 245, 336, 348, 394, 576, 584, 593, 723, 752, 991, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1157, 1227, 1242, 1276, 1354, 1433, 1445, 1504.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop and others move to amend H. 4700 in section 2 by striking item 5911-1003 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

5911-1003 For the administration and operations of the department of mental retardation; provided, that the department shall not charge user fees for transportation or community day services; provided further, that the department shall not charge fees for eligibility determination for services provided by the department or for applications of requests for transfer of guardianship; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2009 the comptroller shall transfer from the department of mental retardation trust fund established under section 2RRR of chapter 29 of the General Laws an amount sufficient to reflect the costs of the assessment on public facilities collected under section 27 of chapter 118G of the General Laws and an amount sufficient to fund rate increases for services provided to MassHealth members by nonpublic intermediate care facilities and community-based residences; provided further, the comptroller shall transfer the federal financial participation received as a result of expenditures funded by the assessments to an account established for the department of mental retardation to administer for the purposes described above; provided further, that the assessments shall not be collected and the expenditures shall not be authorized until the department of mental retardation and the executive office of health and human services certify the receipt of federal approval of any home and community-based waiver amendments and related Title XIX state plan amendments, if required; and provided further, that the department shall submit a semi-annual report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing the total number of service coordinators within the department, the number of consumers served by said coordinators, and the amount of time spent per month per consumer; and provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be allocated to Whole Children, Inc. of Hadley\$77,575,612

And move to further amend the bill in section 2, by striking item 5920-2000 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

5920-2000 For vendor-operated community-based residential adult services, including intensive individual supports; provided, that \$13,145,837 shall be expended in annualized funding for Turning 22 clients who began receiving the services in fiscal year 2008 pursuant to item 5920-5000 of section 2 of chapter 61 of the acts of 2007; provided further, that the commissioner of the department of mental retardation shall transfer funds from this item to item 5920-2010, as necessary, pursuant to an allocation plan, which shall detail by object class the distribution of said funds to be

transferred and which the commissioner shall file with the house and senate committees on ways and means 15 days before any such transfer; provided further, that not more than \$5,000,000 shall be transferred from this item in fiscal year 2009; provided further, that not less than \$500,000 shall be expended for Best Buddies Massachusetts; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Special Olympics; and provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for services to the developmentally disabled provided by Grow Associates, Inc. in the town of Avon\$569,334,202

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 in item 5920-2006 by striking out the figures “\$2,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “\$2,250,000”

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 by striking item 5920-2025 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

5920-2025 For community-based day and work programs for adults and for \$4,518,823 in annualized funding for Turning 22 clients who began receiving services in fiscal year 2008 under item 5920-5000 of section 2 of chapter 61 of the acts of 2007; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Life Focus Center in the Charlestown neighborhood of the city of Boston\$128,959,457

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 by striking item 5920-3000 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

5920-3000 For respite services and intensive family supports; provided, that the department shall pursue the highest rates of federal reimbursement possible for such services; and provided further, that not more than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Friendship Home project in Norwell; and provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the Advocacy Resource Center in New Bedford to provide critical family support services in the area of community-based resident education for special needs children\$55,294,228

And move to further amend the bill in section 2 by striking item 5920-3010 and inserting in place thereof the following item:-

5920-3010 For contracted support services for families with autistic children through the autism division at the department of mental retardation; provided, that not less than \$4,000,000 shall be expended for the purposes of providing direct services under the children’s autism Medicaid waiver application submitted pursuant to chapter 107 of the acts of 2005 to be contingent upon a federal reimbursement of 50% for waiver services funded by the commonwealth; provided further, that at a minimum, this waiver shall

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include children with autism spectrum disorder ages 0 to 8, inclusive, including children with autism spectrum disorder ages 0 to 3, inclusive, receiving services through the department of public health's early intervention program; provided further, that the income eligibility for the waiver shall not be any lower than MassHealth standard income eligibility for children; provided further, that the department shall take all steps necessary to ensure that eligible children with autism immediately begin to receive services pursuant to such waiver; provided further, that the department shall immediately file any waiver amendments necessary to comport with the requirements of this item with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services; provided further, that the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities on the number of contracted support services provided for families with autistic children under this item and the costs associated with such services, not later than March 1, 2009 including but not limited to a report on the implementation of the children's autism Medicaid waiver program pursuant to chapter 107 of the acts of 2005, with information regarding the number of children enrolled in the waiver and receiving services, linguistic and cultural diversity, age, gender, and geographic representation of the applicants and the children enrolled in the program, number of children requiring waiver services from families with income higher than MassHealth standard income eligibility, department plans to continue to assess the demand for waiver services, executive office of health and human services plans to expand the waiver for children on the autism spectrum of all ages in the future, and any other information determined relevant by the department; provided further, that the department shall submit copies of any amended waiver to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on education and the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities not later than December 31, 2008; provided further, that not less than \$200,000 shall be expended for the purposes of a contract with Melmark New England, Inc. to provide training and support to families, educational collaboratives and public school districts on methods for coping with behavioral challenges associated with children who have autism spectrum disorders; provided further, that not less than ~~\$200,000~~ shall be expended for the purposes of a contract with the New England Center for Children, Inc. to provide training and support to public school districts and families for the establishment of in district partner classrooms to serve children with autism spectrum disorders; and provided further, that \$100,000 be allocated to the Asperger's Association of New England to provide support services to individuals with high functioning autism or Asperger's syndrome\$5,421,750

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And move to further amend the bill in section 2, in item 5920-5000, by striking out the figures "\$6,100,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "\$7,700,000"

And move to further amend the bill in section 2, in item 5930-1000, by striking out the figures “\$187,245,814” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “\$187,545,814”